



## **A JULY MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

**HAPPY SUMMER AT THE BEACH.** It feels like summer has been here off and on for weeks. The grasses are green and swaying in the breeze. The elk bucks have been banished to the "men's club," and the babies are tagging along behind their mothers. Summer in Surf Pines is in full swing ~~ aren't we lucky. Remember to drive slowly as there are walkers and bikers on the roads.

**JOHN AND CAROL GATES** have announced their intentions to buy a travel trailer and enjoy some fun time together. John will work for Surf Pines through August. Please come to the Annual Meeting and we will fete John and Carol, thanking them for their eleven years of work for Surf Pines. We are delighted that they have such fun plans and wish them safe and happy travel.

**FIRE SEASON:** Given how wet it in feels in the winter, it is amazing how quickly the grasses and trees within Surf Pines dry out. Fire season begins June 26th this year and even small fire pits in your yards must be approved annually by the Department of Forestry. Call 503 325-5451 to schedule a permit inspection. And of course, never leave a fire unattended or have a fire when it is windy. Let guests to your home know the fire pit safety rules.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Surf Pines Annual Meeting will be held at the Astoria Golf Club on Saturday August 4, 2018. In addition to scintillating information about Surf Pines, there is fun food and opportunities to meet new residents in our community as well as see your neighbors. Please put the date on your calendar. Voting on the budget and for new Board Members is your opportunity to help run Surf Pines.

**SURF PINES LANE CLOSURE:** The south entry will be closed to vehicular traffic for one day, around July 9th. Signs will be out to warn you. Additional repair to the road is needed in a small section to complete the project from last summer.

**BOARD CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION:** Three Surf Pines residents have indicated their interest in running for the two open Board positions. Thank you Glen Cross, Peter Durant and Austin Kauffman. Pictures and additional information will be provided in the Annual Meeting Packet. Additional nominees are welcome or nominate someone you think would be a great addition to the Board.

***VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE:*** The two main Surf Pines Committees would love to have additional members. Volunteer to join the Roads and Grounds Committee or the Community Relations Committee. These two groups of volunteers would welcome your help for an event or as a member.

***PARK SURVEY:*** Nearly 100 residents responded to the Park Survey request. The majority of respondents did not want us to spend large sums of money to enhance the park at this time. Volunteers will continue to work on ridding the park of the sand burrs and creating a pathway to the picnic area.

***SUNSET LAKE SPEED:*** The speed limit on Sunset Lake is 10 MPH. When I am using a paddle boat or canoeing, surpassing that speed is not an issue. But 10 MPH keeps the lake safe and fun for everyone. Call the non-emergency sheriff's number to report speeders.

***SURF PINES ANNUAL GARAGE SALE JUNE 30, 2018:*** The infamous Surf Pines Garage Sale will be held on Saturday June 30th. I have been told that there are real treasures in some of the garages this year! 28 residents have signed up! The garage doors open at 8:00 AM and are open until 4:00.

***ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK JULY 1, 2018:*** Join your Surf Pines neighbors for the Annual Community Picnic in the Park. Hamburgers and hotdogs, with buns and relishes are provided along with soft drinks and water. Bring a side dish or dessert and join the fun. There are games for the kids and the adults and lots of fun and conversations. Bring your new neighbors and closed toe shoes.

***SOLVE Beach Clean-Up -- Thursday July 5, 2018:*** It is amazing what a little help from a lot of people can accomplish. Surf Pines residents collected an enormous amount of beach debris during the March Solve day. So, All Hands On Deck! SOLVE bags, gloves and waivers will be stationed at all of the 6 beach paths on the day of the event. A little bit of help goes a long way. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Kate Besse, Sunset Beach Captain, (503) 701-8056, and Surf Pines Resident.

***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

June 29, 2018: Board Meeting 4:00 PM South Gate Meeting House

June 30, 2018: Garage Sale, begins at 8:00 AM

July 1, 2018: Annual Picnic in the Park at 1:00 PM

August 4, 2018: Surf Pines Annual Meeting at Astoria Golf Club 8:30 AM